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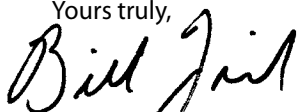
Dear Neighbors,

New leadership in the General Assembly led to significant accomplishments in the 2005 Regular Legislative Session.

Important improvements were made in the state's commitment to help cities and towns meet the needs of residents, which I have outlined on the reverse side of this mailer.

Because of the space constraints in this report, I'd like to make sure that you know that additional and more detailed information is available on my Web site. If you have additional concerns or questions, please feel free to call my office.

Yours truly,



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2005 LEGISLATIVE ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Keeping our Roads Safe

- Banned cell phone use in motor vehicles, unless the driver uses a hands-free device

Strengthening Ethics in Government

- Created an independent Office of State Ethics and enacted comprehensive campaign finance reform that makes Connecticut's laws the strongest in the nation

New Rail Cars

- Authorized \$1.3 billion to relieve traffic congestion by purchasing 342 new rail cars and 25 new buses and making improvements to I-95 from Greenwich to North Stonington

Stem Cell Research

- Moved to establish Connecticut as a leader in cutting-edge medical research by earmarking \$20 million of surplus funds for stem cell research

Protecting Children—Booster Seats

- Championed and passed a new law to require the use of booster seats for children under seven years of age or weighing less than sixty pounds



Your State Senator
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STATE AID FOR THE TOWN OF TRUMBULL

Property tax reform remains a critical issue in Connecticut and I have consistently fought for a broad and comprehensive overhaul of our tax structure. At the same time, significant relief is provided through state grant formulas and our state budget, thus providing more funding for Trumbull. This also helps to alleviate the property tax burden plaguing so many of the state's working families.



Support for Trumbull's students

Legislation passed this year to:

- Increase state support to \$2,408,016
- Provide \$108,355 for new equipment for the **Trumbull Regional Agriscience and Bioscience Technology Center**
- Expedite the process for securing state grants for renovating **Trumbull High School**
- Save the **Thurgood Marshall Middle School**. This six-to-six interdistrict magnet school serving Trumbull, Bridgeport and surrounding communities will also receive critical funding

◀ Trumbull Early Childhood Education Center

After passing legislation enabling construction of the Trumbull Early Childhood Education Center, I'm pleased to report on its completion. I have been proud to stand with the bipartisan group of advocates that fought to ensure that Trumbull's youngest students have an opportunity to learn in a state-of-the-art facility.